

**WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 28, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Chairman Hamade on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 6:10 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

Vice Chairman Fisher led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Hamade, Cruz, Robbins, Fisher, Nguyen.

Commissioners Absent: None.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Adolfo Ozaeta, Associate Civil Engineer; Sergeant Mark Nye, Westminster Police Department; Veronica Johnson, Secretary

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meeting of March 31, 2009 were approved. (5-0)

**ITEMS TO BE  
CONSIDERED**

The only item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 89-106, A Request for the Installation of 24-Minute Timed Parking Restrictions at 14801 and 14802 Moran Street.

**T.C. 89-106  
14801 and 14802  
Moran Street**

Mr. Ozaeta explained that at the Traffic Commission meeting of March 31, 2009, Ms. Anh Do and Mr. Linh Nguyen of the Nguoi Viet Daily News, expressed their concerns regarding insufficient parking on Moran Street (north of Bolsa Avenue) as a result of an ongoing protest in front of their place of business. The Commission directed staff to investigate the matter and present a formal report to the Traffic Commission at its regular meeting of April 28, 2009.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that staff had performed several site visits to observe the traffic and parking conditions of the street in question. The only available public on-street parking on Moran Street consists of 68 feet on the east and west sides of the cul-de-sac north of Bolsa Avenue. The demand

for parking in the subject vicinity is high due to the flourishing developments in the area with high turnover land uses.

Using Exhibit B, Mr. Ozaeta showed the area where Nguoi Viet is asking to consider timed parking. It is located on the east and the west side on the street. Mr. Ozaeta emphasized that this was the only available public parking for the entire segment.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that staff could not perform a parking study, as is usually done, due to the fact of the ongoing protest which results in three vehicles being continuously parked on each side of the street. Observation of the on-street parking revealed vehicles belonging to the protestors parked in the subject area for an extended period of time, resulting in minimal turn-over. Staff determined that the Nguoi Viet Daily News, which has six visitor spaces, parking lot is operating at capacity.

## **STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Ozaeta stated that Nguoi Viet is asking for the installation of short duration parking restrictions at 14801 and 14802 Moran Street. The restrictions that would better serve the area according to them, is 9am – 6pm daily. Mr. Ozaeta explained to the Commission that in the current City of Westminster Municipal Code, there are 24-minute, 40-minute, 1-hour, and 2-hour parking restrictions that have been established. Regardless of which parking restrictions the Commission chooses to install if they wish, the Municipal Code would have to be revised in order to make the restrictions enforceable every day. Staff's recommendation was for the Traffic Commission to consider timed parking restrictions at the subject location.

Chairman Hamade opened this item up for discussion.

The following people spoke in favor of the proposed timed parking restrictions:

Anh Do, 14771 Moran Street  
Linh Nguyen, 15031 Purdy Street  
Gloria Reyes, 8132 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lynne Troung, 14771 Moran Street  
Crystal Wadsworth, 14491 Beach Boulevard  
Hung Nguyen, 14771 Moran Street

Their reasons for supporting short duration parking included: accessibility for customers, the need for parking in the area which is very busy both weekdays and weekends, the short

duration parking would lend itself well to the area since the nature of business transactions in the area are typically quick, the current 72 hour parking limit allows people to park in the area without conducting business, the timed parking may help with the intimidation of customers by the protestors, and the short term parking would alleviate illegal parking and traffic congestion.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed timed parking restrictions.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners regarding the amount of time for the timed parking restrictions and how the enforcement of the timed parking would be handled by the Police Department. It was clarified for the Commission that it is legal for vehicles to move from one parking space to another, but it may prove cumbersome to do it every 24 or 40 minutes.

Commissioner Nguyen stated his support of 24-minute parking restrictions to encourage business. Commissioner Cruz stated that 24 minutes was enough time to conduct business and give others a chance to park and do their business. Chairman Hamade commented that 24-minute parking restrictions would prevent people from parking more than an hour at the location. Commissioner Robbins voiced his concern that 24 minutes may not be enough time to conduct business for the other businesses in the area and the timed parking would not deter the protestors from intimidating others that wish to park in the subject area. Vice Chairman Fisher questioned which time frame would suit the area.

Discussion ensued over the time period for the parking restrictions. Sgt. Nye clarified that a one-hour time limit would be easier for his officers to enforce versus the twenty minute because of the time needed for his officers to ticket vehicles. Sgt. Nye clarified for Mr. Nguyen that they would not be able to tow a vehicle off a public street unlike private property. Ms. Do commented that with the amount of traffic on the street, she does not believe the vehicles would be able to move from one spot to another. Most of the customers conduct their business in 5-30 minutes.

Mr. Ozaeta suggested that the Commission can make a decision today and revisit it in the future.

## **MOTION**

Chairman Hamade moved to install 40-minute timed parking restrictions and no overnight parking. Discussion followed in

regards to the overnight parking. Vice Chairman Fisher stated her concern with the overnight parking. Mr. Ozaeta reminded the Commission that the residents were notified of the timed parking, not overnight parking. Chairman Hamade amended his motion and moved to install 40 minute timed parking restrictions (9am-6pm) at 14801 and 14802 Moran Street and amend Municipal Code section 10.44.180; seconded by Vice Chairman Fisher.

## **VOTE**

The motion carried by a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Cruz voting in opposition of the 40 minute timed parking versus 24 minute timed parking.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no "New Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no "Old Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

## **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

There were no "Information and Reports" presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no "Oral Communications" presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no "Written Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

## **ITEMS COMMISSIONERS/ STAFF MAY WISH TO DISCUSS**

Discussion arose regarding the ethics training with City Clerk.

Commissioner Cruz mentioned the "Keep Intersection Clear" sign at Newland. Mr. Ozaeta clarified that the sign and pavement markings were needed to enforce the do not block intersection. Sgt. Nye further explained that other intersections have both and he believed we needed to be consistent. Mr. Ozaeta commented that a few projects were going to occurring at that intersection and the signs and the markings will be updated in the process.

Staff handed out the current 2009 Vehicle Code to the Commissioners as well as copies of the truck route map, and traffic signal priority list.

Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that the City has applied for funding for "Safe Routes to School" for four locations; Edwards and Humboldt, Oasis and Bushard,

Bushard and Westwood, and McFadden and Brookhurst. The funding would be used to install flashing beacons at the crosswalk, school advisory signs, and speed feedback signs.

Mr. Ozaeta further informed the Commission that the City Council denied Traffic Commission's recommendation to install an all-way stop sign at Jackson and 23<sup>rd</sup> because it did not meet the warrants.

Mr. Ozaeta advised the Commission that the parking at La Pat Place would be brought to the Commission at next month's meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marwan Youssef  
Public Works Director/City Engineer

By: Veronica Johnson, Secretary